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LIEUTENANT EVERS KILLED IN AEROPANE ACCIDENT

Many of the people of Columbus witnessed one of the most horrible accidents here Monday morning. The airplane of Lieutenant Evers, who was on duty at the military camp, fell a distance of 200 feet, fatally injuring Lieutenant Evers and seriously injuring Captain James L. Dunsmuir.

Lieutenant Evers died at 1:30 p.m.—the accident happened at 9:30 a.m. Several bones were broken and the skull was fractured. Captain Dunsmuir is not thought to be dangerously hurt and will recover.

The machine fell a distance estimated at about 200 feet. The driver lost control when the rudder refused to work. The fall took to be very swift. It seemed to turn over three times as it came down, landing kindly on the side. It bounced over the railroad after striking.

Some one saw that an accident was going to happen and telephoned the hospital before the machine struck the ground. The ambulance was sent on the north side of the track. The moment it hit another message was phoned into the hospital to send the ambulance south of the track, and another ambulance was sent. They arrived just a few moments after the machine landed.

Captain Dunsmuir was the commanding officer of the 1st aerodrome and went up as observer. He was in the rear seat, and Evers at the helm. Aerial officers say the danger of losing your life in case of an accident of this kind is not so great in the rear seat.

Lieutenant Evers had received a detail to go to Columbus, Ohio and organize an aero squadron, and was to have left Wednesday, the day the remains were shipped away. This was to have been his last flight in Columbus.

A military funeral was held Wednesday and the remains were shipped to West Point for interment.

The 1st Aero Squadron has been stationed in Columbus for over one year now and this is the first fatal accident to happen.

SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEES TWO MORE TEACHERS

At a meeting of the Columbus Board of Education held last Friday two more of the teachers for next term were employed, Misses Joseph and Lisle. There is still two vacancies. There is a vacancy on the school board which will be filled at the next regular meeting.

\$75,000 NOW AVAILABLE FOR NEW MEXICO FARMERS

Santa Fe, N. M., May 18.—Seventy-five thousand dollars was today available for the purchasing of seed and food for New Mexican farmers when the state treasurer invested state funds to that amount in the certificates of indebtedness authorized by the legislature. As the certificates have not yet been printed, the investment was in the nature of an advance.

Certificates in the amount of \$100,000 are to be duly advertised at once in Chicago, New York and Santa Fe papers and sold to the highest bidder. The work of perfecting agricultural organizations in the various counties is going on rapidly.

WILLIAMS WINS AGAIN OVER "BULL" FOSTER

Rufus Williams again defeated "Bull" Foster in a ten round mill at the Crystal Theatre Saturday evening. There were several good preliminary bouts, and a record attendance was made for fights in Columbus.

Rufus Williams is the champion of his weight in the army, and is looking for bouts. He is the fastest boxer that has ever been around this place.

MURPHY LOCAL MANAGER FOR WESTERN UNION

W. F. Murphy, who has been employed as an operator here for the railroad company for the past two years, has given up the job and accepted the position as manager for the Western Union, transferring to Casper, Wyoming.

Howard Osborne left here Thursday for Los Angeles, California where he will go into the army.

FINANCIAL AGENTS NAMED BY GOVERNOR LINDSEY

In accordance with a plan agreed upon by the governor and the council of the state defense, Governor Lindsey has appointed thirty-five financial agents in the 28 counties who are to have charge of the loan and distribution of seed to the farmers under the legislation adopted at the recent extra session. These agents will pass on all applications for agricultural aid, arrange for security for seed advanced by chattel mortgage on crop and other property, running for eight months at six per cent, and attend to other details of the increased crop campaign. No money will be advanced direct to farmers.

County Commissioner Frank L. Nordhaus was named as the financial agent for Luna county.

RED CROSS MEETS WEDNESDAY, MAY 23rd.

The Red Cross will meet at the M. E. Church next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. There are several letters to be brought to the attention of the members, and the future of the Society at Columbus is to be determined, so it is hoped that all members and all interested in the work to be present.

CHURCH SERVICE NOTES BY PASTOR OF M. E. CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m., preaching at 11. Epworth League meeting at 7 p.m., preaching again at 8. Rev. Mr. Price of the Baptist church is expected to preach at one of these services.

I wonder how much such a notice as the above means to you, if when you realize what it is about you read it through? Yet you would not want the services of the church discontinued would you? Still you do not encourage the minister by your presence even at the evening service once a month. No, not once a year. Yet, saying nothing about your need of a church and the gospel as in your moral and eternal welfare, you know if you think at all, that the church and the ministry does more in this enlightened age to build up a community in the estimation of prospective settlers than all other forces combined.

But what should you stay away from church and stave your soul while you are feeding, clothing and taking such good care of your body that will return to dust in a few years? Unless you are an Atheist, and lower in moral sense than the worst savage, you believe in a future state; then why wait to be carried to the church in your coffin where the minister is expected to say something to comfort your heart-broken relatives?

Come along now and let us help you and when you get right with God you will be a help to the man who is trying to help you, and a help to the community in which you live.

The Epworth League service last Sunday evening was well attended and a very profitable service was had. A goodly number of the new recruits were present, remaining to the evening service. This is greatly appreciated as the church people of Columbus have always tried to make the soldiers welcome.

LADIES AID ENTERTAINED BY MRS. CARL HOPPE

The Ladies Aid was delightfully entertained at the lovely country home of Mrs. Carl Hoppe Wednesday afternoon. Three cars drove out loaded with the happy guests.

A delicious luncheon was served and all returned with high appreciation of the trip and the occasion.

BIRTHDAY PARTY IN HONOR OF MRS. WILLINGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McAuley delightfully entertained friends evening with Five Hundred in honor of their sister, Mrs. Elvira Willingham, the day being her birthday. After a very exciting game a delightful course was served. The invited guests were Messrs. Harry Wood, White, Mr. and Mrs. A. Frederickson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cox and L. B. Mollison.

GUARD BOYS PLANTING 150 ACRES IN CROPS

Charles C. Guard and Harry J. Guard, farmers on the east slope of the Tree Hermosas are preparing to plant 150 acres of land in beans and other crops. They have already planted 50 acres in Mito Maize and alfalfa. They had a large acreage planted in beans last year which averaged them 200 pounds to the acre. They sold the last of their crop a few days ago at the price of five per bushel. The average price for last years crop was five.

The Guard boys are considerable in the chicken business, having at this time about 250 chickens.

COX-CANNON

Miss Willoughby Cannon and John H. Cox, both of Columbus, were married in matrimony at El Paso Tuesday. Miss Cannon has been employed as a teacher in the school here for the past two terms and has always been considered one of the best. She has made a large number of friends in Columbus. Mr. Cox has resided in Columbus for the past several years, having taken a homestead in what is now a part of the camp. He is one of the oldest settlers in the valley. He is a mechanic by trade, but has been engaged in the plumbing business in Columbus for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox will reside in Columbus.

BUSY DAY IN JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

Wednesday of this week was a very busy day for Judge T. J. Gale. There were eleven cases disposed of. District Attorney J. S. Vaughn was present and represented the state, and in most of the cases Attorney R. F. Hamilton of Deming was employed for the defense. Among the cases disposed of were:

VILLAGE CASES
Genevieve Gray and Salina Collins, vagrants, fined \$10 each and the costs.

Hattie Tucker, disorderly conduct, \$5 and the fees.

J. W. Overton, disorderly conduct, \$25 and costs.

Hattie Tucker, disorderly conduct, \$10 and the trappings.

Jack Acres, disorderly conduct, 30 days in the village jail, sentence suspended on promise to leave the state.

Louis Ravel paid the court \$5 and the side dishes for the privilege of using his back yard for storing the trash from the store.

STATE CASES
Clay, E. Humphrey, Petit larceny by embezzlement, fined \$50 and costs. He could not tie up the necessary \$50 and was sent to the Deming jail and will get an opportunity to work it out on the county roads.

J. D. Moreland, charged with carrying deadly weapon, was fined \$50 and \$5 of which was exonerated.

C. E. Bourgeois was acquitted on one charge of selling beer and was found guilty in another and was bound to the grand jury, his bond was fixed at \$1500.

Jesus Van Gleen was given 30 days in the county jail on a vagrancy charge, but was given an opportunity to leave the state.

Neil Flowers was found guilty of vagrancy and was fined \$25 and costs.

G. W. Willet was charged with stealing some automobile tires from W. L. Moody, but there was no sufficient evidence to hold him over.

Mark A. Boren was adjudged guilty of selling intoxicating liquors to sell, beer, and was bound over to the grand jury for \$1000.

CIVIL CASES
John Katakias vs. Nick Pappas, debt of \$31 for labor, judgment given for 20% case appraised.

J. B. Locke vs. Ed L. Harringer, debt of \$150 for labor, jury awarded plaintiff judgment for \$62.70.

Mrs. Jean Cabell Herbert vs. G. E. Puris, debt from the International News Service of \$25. Jury decided the amount was not due the plaintiff.

N. J. Vachon vs. Bob Flack, debt of \$75. Judgment for plaintiff by default, and defendant set aside account in full.

T. J. Kauffman vs. E. Laemont, debt for labor of \$32.50, settled out of court by defendant paying sum in full.

Rock Cloutier made a short business call to El Paso Monday.

CORPORAL PENNINGTON KILLED BY SENTRY

Corporal George Pennington, of Company K 24th Infantry, was shot and instantly killed by a sentry in camp Monday night. Pennington was ordered to halt by the sentry which he did not do, and the sentry fired, the ball taking effect in the head, death resulting instantly. Funeral services were held Thursday by Chaplain Milton O. Beebe, 12th Cavalry.

LUNA COUNTY HAS A BIG ACREAGE

It is estimated that there will be 12,000 acres of land under cultivation in Luna county this year when the planting is entirely completed. This acreage will be distributed into the following crops based on the figures which have already been furnished to the secretary of the Luna County Farmers Association which was formed last Saturday in accordance with instructions issued by the state war committee, beans 4,000 acres, mulo maize 3,000 acres, cane 1,000 acres, alfalfa 1,000 acres, corn 400 acres, tomatoes 300 acres, and garden truck 250 acres, making a total of 10,750 acres. The balance of the acreage will be devoted to the cultivation of feed stuffs and miscellaneous crops. Headlight.

RATTLESAKE BITE IS FATAL TO CHILD

A rattlesnake bite caused the death of Louis Matthews, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Matthews of Mimbres, northwestern part of Luna county. The child was on her way to school Wednesday morning when she was bitten. She was taken to the ladies hospital in Deming and died that night.

LUMBER HERE FOR FLOOR OF COMMERCE BUILDING

The lumber is here to lay a floor in the chamber of commerce building and the services of carpenters who are public spirited are invited to come in and help put it down. The building will be for public purposes only if being the idea to give it to the army, people for dances and entertainments whenever they desire it.

BOXING BOUTS HELD FOR MAY 20th.

Cards have been distributed in town announcing an unusually good boxing show at the Crystal Theatre, Wednesday Day, May 20th.

The main event will be a fifteen round go between Thomas Hayden of Company K 24th Infantry, and Joe Brock, blacksmith of Company K 24th Infantry. Kid Peterson and Jean Cabell will put it in a 6 round bout, and two other preliminary bouts have also been arranged. Henry Davis is the promoter.

Roster of Sixty-Fourth Congress.

The Courier is in receipt of a little booklet of valuable information, containing also a roster of the Sixty-Fourth Congress of the United States. This book will be mailed to all who request it by the American Protective Tariff League, New York City.

LARGE ACREAGE STATE LANDS WILL BE CULTIVATED

Beans, sorghums, corn and Irish potatoes, the big four recommended by the State Agricultural College as the most dependable main crops for New Mexico farmers in their efforts to meet the food crisis, are taking a long head in the planting being done in thousands of state grazing lands, under the recent permit to use such lands for farming without additional rental during the period of one year, or as long as the war lasts. The disposition of the farmers to follow the advice of the state's agricultural authorities in the crisis is regarded as very encouraging to the crop outlook this year, since the bulk of these main crops will be materially in economical harvesting and handling, and since they are, by long odds the most useful crops New Mexico can produce.

A total of 15,740 acres of state lands so far, have been listed for cultivation, 3,750 of which will be planted in beans, 2,544 in sorghum, 2,577 in corn and 1,422 in potatoes. Spring wheat will be planted on 1,281 acres. Mulo 1,241. Kaffir 425.

SMALL BLAZE IN ROOMS OVER DEPOT

A fire broke out in a room over the depot Monday night and the furniture in the room was completely destroyed. The fire was discovered by a patrol guard about 12 o'clock. He immediately gave the alarm to firing his rifle several times, and other guards showed the alarm in firing. The shots caused a little excitement, but fire call was soon sounded in camp and the soldiers got out and quickly extinguished the blaze.

ANOTHER WEDDING SCHEDULED

Ernest Engendert left Wednesday for Saint Louis, where he will go through the performance of matrimony. He expects to be away about one month and will bring his wife back to Columbus with him, where they will make their future home. It will be remembered that Mr. Engendert was a candidate for county commissioner last fall. He is a man of worth to the community and has resided here for the past several years.

SAVE YOUR BOTTLES

The home-canning specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture urge every house-keeper to save bottles especially well worked ones, for putting up fruits, preserves, jellies, jams, and fruit juices. Saving of bottles is highly important, they say, as there threatens to be a serious shortage of regular jars and preserving cans this season.

The fruit products named, if sealed with corks and paraffin, can be kept perfectly in these makeshift containers. Jellies, jams, and preserves can be kept even in ordinary drinking glasses, by the use of paper and paraffin. Fruit juices should be packed in ordinary small necked bottles.

Vegetables, soups, and meats, on the other hand, to keep must be sealed by the usual fruit jar or tin can packing methods. Reserve regular containers for foods that can not be packed in bottles.

LET IT BE TIT

Santa Fe, N. M., May 17, 1917. Editor Jals.

We notice some days ago in the New Mexican that the plan for drafting men for the army would be similar to that employed in drawing jurors. Kindly advise if that means that none but Republicans would be drawn in some counties? If so I am heartily in favor of the plan as I am a Democrat. Am in favor of conscription, anyway, if they would only take the whole damn family, and that would assure or something to eat. Very truly,

JOHN SMITH
—From the New Mexican.

IT'S A BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Weld announce the birth of their son, James Henry, on May 16th. Mr. and Mrs. Weld are with their parents at present, in Redlands, California.

J. W. Blair left Sunday for Kansas City and Chicago, where he owns real estate, and expects to be away about thirty days attending to business affairs.

Mrs. Lee A. Riggs entertained the ladies of the Baptist church at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Look at the date on this paper and opposite your name, and if your subscription is past due mail in a check for \$1.50. You will feel better and will make us feel better. Of course we know you do not want the paper for nothing, but you forget. Let this serve as a gentle reminder.

Several ladies in town went out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoppe at Mimbres Wednesday and spent a very pleasant afternoon.

J. B. Blair went over to Mesilla Park Sunday for a short visit with his daughter, Mrs. D. C. Rhoads.

Juan Favela has purchased from C. B. Rogers and Lee Williams his pool hall and barter shop in his building on Luna street east of the Clark Hotel.

NEW MEXICO'S GOTA IS 11,500 SOLDIERS

Washington, May 16.—Ten million men in the United States will be subject to selective conscription on July 1, within the ages agreed upon in the conference report on the war army bill, directors of the census bureau have announced. The age limit named, 21 to 30 inclusive represents very nearly 10 per cent of the total estimated population of between 100,000,000 to 105,000,000 on July 1, 1917.

However, a very large number, not unknown, will be exempted from service because of having persons dependent upon them or because of occupational, religious or physical disabilities. The eligibles for service will certainly number 5,000,000, however, and perhaps 7,000,000.

The first 500,000 will be drawn for training by putting names in a wheel like drawings for prizes.

The number available as estimated by the census bureau for each state in the west follows:

Arizona	31,700
California	362,000
Colorado	109,500
Idaho	51,800
Iowa	159,000
Kansas	175,000
Minnesota	244,700
Montana	73,500
Nebraska	129,400
Nevada	16,500
New Mexico	14,500
North Dakota	80,000
Oklahoma	213,500
Oregon	108,100
South Dakota	80,500
Texas	620,300
Utah	62,000
Washington	217,400
Wyoming	35,400

Major Lucius L. Hopwood, Medical Corps, is assigned to temporary duty as commanding officer, Base Hospital No. 2, New York, N. Y.—Official Bulletin.

Major Hopwood was stationed here for several months and was relieved only a short time ago by Major Loring.

RECRUITS ARRIVING FOR TWELFTH CAVALRY

Three hundred recruits arrived here last Wednesday for assignment to the 12th Cavalry. This regiment is now full war strength.

Troop "C" which has been stationed at Mt. Riley, thirty miles east of here, for the past year, arrived in camp Tuesday morning. A small detachment was left as an outpost at Mt. Riley.

UNCLE JACK KYLE INVESTS \$50 IN LIBERTY LOAN BOND

Jack Kyle, affectionately called "Uncle Jack" by his friends, is an inspector in the customs service and has for years been stationed at Alamosa. But first of all Uncle Jack is an American and a patriotic American. The other day he sent Jack L. Goby, collector of customs, \$50 to invest in one of the government's Liberty Loan Bonds.

Jack Kyle fought the Indians on the border 20 years ago. He is an uncle of A. W. Burleson, the postmaster general, and was first appointed in the customs service by Capt. Chas. Davis during Cleveland's second administration and he has been in the service continuously since.

Everiss on the border knows Jack Kyle. He is one of the unique characters of the government service—a modest, quiet frontiersman of the old type. He was never known to hunt a fight, except with Indians and outlaws, nor was he ever known to move in one ride when a fight came his way, his friends say.

Uncle Jack is not a man of means, but what he has is his country's, he said.—El Paso Herald.

Uncle Jack was in the customs service here for several years, having left here about three years ago, and will be well remembered by a number of the older residents of Columbus.

Rev. Joseph E. Survell received a telegram Tuesday announcing the death of his three months old granddaughter, Mary Jean Giff, at 8 p.m. May 14th, at Lakewood, Ohio.

Little Miss Ethel Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Reed, returned to Columbus Saturday after being away in Michigan for almost a year attending school.